

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 784

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joe C. Loser, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement as Dean of the Nashville School of Law.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Joe C. Loser, Jr. is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-eight years as the Dean of the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Dean Loser will be taking a much deserved retirement in June 2014, after more than a quarter century of dedication to the school and the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1911, recent graduates of the Vanderbilt School of Law, Morton B. Adams, William P. Cooper, Lee Douglas, and Robert Selph Henry, established a night class law program at the YMCA for individuals who could not attend law classes during the day; the school was incorporated under the laws of Tennessee on January 19, 1927, and since that date, has conferred the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University graduate, Joe C. Loser, Jr. was a product of this YMCA night law program, attending law school at night while working at a bank during the day; he graduated from the YMCA Night Law School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, after attaining his Doctor of Jurisprudence, Judge Joe Loser spent two decades on the bench in Davidson County's Third Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Honorable Joe C. Loser, Jr. retired from the Third Circuit Court of Davidson County after being selected as the fourth Dean of the YMCA Night Law School; and

WHEREAS, the institution made significant improvements under the leadership of Dean Loser; after his installation as Dean on August 23, 1986, the school changed its name from the YMCA Night Law School to the Nashville School of Law, enrollment increased significantly, and

the school relocated from the YMCA building downtown to the Sidco Drive facility before finally moving to its current 30,000 square foot campus on Armory Drive in 2005; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in both academia and the legal profession, Dean Loser authored *An Outline of the Worker's Compensation Laws of Tennessee*, along with hundreds of appellate court opinions, and he is listed in *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in American Education*, and *Who's Who in the World*; and

WHEREAS, Joe C. Loser, Jr. is a member of the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association, and a charter member of Harry Phillips American Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, Joe C. Loser, Jr. contributed his time and numerous talents to this State as a Special Judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Special Judge of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, and Special Judge of the Supreme Court of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loser rendered many years of distinguished military service with the United States Air Force (USAF) from 1951-1952, the Tennessee Air National Guard from 1951-1971, and the USAF Retired Reserves from 1971-1992, rising to the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, Joe Loser exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Joe Loser enjoys the loving support of his beloved wife, Millie, and their son, Joe "Chip" C. Loser III; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Joe C. Loser, Jr. has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize Joe C. Loser, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement as Dean of the Nashville School of Law, thank him for his service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.